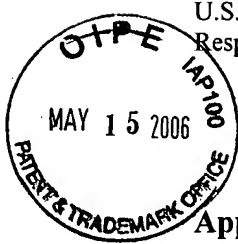


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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT MAILED APRIL 21, 2006**

This is a response to the Restriction Requirement mailed April 21, 2006.

Claims 1-13 and 15-25 are subject to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, for continued prosecution Group II, Claims 10, 12, 13, 15-20 and 23-25, drawn to a composition comprising an epoxy resin and a polymercaptopolyamine of formula Ia or Ib.

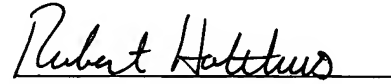
Applicants elect diglycidyl ether of bisphenol A and diethylenetriamine as the reactants employed in the preparation of formula Ia and Ib and diglycidyl ether of bisphenol A as the epoxy resin.

Claims 10, 12, 13, 15-20 and 23-25 are readable on the selections above.

Applicants elect with traverse because simultaneous examination of the inventions does not impose an undue burden of examination on the Examiner.

If the restriction requirement is made final, Applicants reserve the right to continue prosecution of non-elected inventions in one or more continuing applications.

Respectfully Submitted,

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